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Rent Courts in Malabar

* 2724 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any representation from the Malabar Pradesh Congress Committee President, Sri P. Vasu Menon or Sri R. Raghava Menon or from any other person or organization in June 1955, that the functions of the Rent Courts in Malabar should be stayed till a legislation on land reforms is passed; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Various representations were received in this regard.

(*b*) The Government saw no justification for suspending the work of Rent Courts constituted under the Malabar Tenancy Act.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Recently the High Court has held that a rule framed by the Government in regard to fixation of fair rent is *ultra vires* of the powers of the Government. May I know whether the Government contemplate rectifying it or issuing any further instructions in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Some time is required to look into it.

SRI C. H. KANARAN : May I know whether the Government have received any representations from the President of the Malabar Pradesh Congress Committee Sri P. Vasu Menon or from Sri P. Raghava Menon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, I said that many representations were received, of which Sri Raghava Menon's must be one. That is my impression.

* 2725 *Q.*—SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cases which have been filed in Rent Courts in Kurumbranad taluk so far; and

(*b*) of these, how many have been decreed in favour of tenants and how many in favour of jenmis?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Six thousand, three hundred and thirteen up to 30th June 1955.

(*b*) Number decreed in favour of tenants—969.

Number decreed in favour of jenmis—13.

Tamil students of the Anantapur Engineering College

* 2726 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have sent any communication recently to the Andhra Government with regard to the Tamil students of the Engineering College, Anantapur; and

(b) if so, what is the nature of the communication?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (a) & (b) On a representation received from the Madras State students studying in the Engineering College, Anantapur, that the scholarships and fee concessions, which they had been receiving from the composite State were stopped with effect from 1954–55, this Government took up the case with the Government of Andhra and agreed to pay the cost of scholarships and fee concessions granted to Madras State students on a reciprocal basis. These concessions were thereupon continued.

Administration report on the Motor Vehicles Act Administration

* 2727 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Reports on the Administration of the Motor Vehicles Act for the Calendar years 1952, 1953 & 1954 have been published;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (a) The answer is in the affirmative so far as the reports for the years 1952 and 1953 are concerned.

(b) & (c) The reports for 1952 and 1953 were distributed to the Press in the beginning of 1954 and in the middle of 1955, respectively. The report for the year 1954 has just been received and is under review.

Agrarian troubles

* 2728 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the police arrested 60 men, women and children at Kadayanallur, Tirunelveli district, on 24th March 1955; and

(b) if so, why?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) Only three men were arrested on the said date.

(b) These three persons were arrested, since they trespassed upon the lands, which were in the possession of a local landlord and obstructed the ploughing of the land by the landlord's men.

* 2729 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether any complaint was received by the District Superintendent of Police, Tirunelveli, from the Secretary, Vivasayigal Sangam, Tirunelveli, alleging ill-treatment of peasants and